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SUBJECT: SWEDISH IO DIRECTOR BERNER CALLS ON ASSISTANT
SECETARY DESIGNATE MAYNES

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: SWEDISH IO DIRECTOR ORJAN BERNER,
ACCOMPANIED BY SWEDISH AMBASSADOR WACHTMEISTER, PAID A
COURTESY CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY DESIGNATE MAYNES,
MARCH 2. DISCUSSION COVERED NEW ADMINISTRATION ATTITUDE
TOWARD THE UN, AFRICAN AFFAIRS, AND HUMAN RIGHTS. END
SUMMARY.

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A. ATTITUDE TOWARD THE UN: SWEDISH AMBASSADOR SAID HIS
GOVERNMENT HAD NOTED WITH SATISFACTION SEVERAL SIGNS OF
MUCH MORE POSITIVE US POLICY TOWARDS UN. MAYNES REPLIED
THAT NEW ADMINISTRATION WOULD ADOPT FAVORABLE, STRONG,
AND AFFIRMATIVE POLICY TOWARD THE UN IN AN ATTEMPT TO USE
WORLD BODY AS CREATIVELY AS POSSIBLE. IN ADDITION TO
WALDHEIM'S EARLY VISIT TO WASHINGTON, MAYNES MENTIONED

AS ANOTHER EXPRESSION OF US SUPPORT FOR THE UN THE LIKLIHOOD THE PRESIDENT WOULD ADDRESS UNGA REPS IN MARCH.

B. AFRICA: BERNER STATED THAT HIS AFRICAN CONTACTS REVEAL THAT APARTHEID WILL BE THE PRIME AFRICAN SC INTEREST IN MARCH WITH RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA IN SECOND

AND THIRD PLACE. IN RESPONSE TO MAYNES QUESTION, BERNER STATED THAT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE AFRICANS IN THE APARTHEID DEBATE WOULD FLOW FROM THEIR CURRENT EXAMINATION OF PRESSURE OPTIONS, I.E., CHAPTER VII FINDING, ARMS EMBARGO, ECON SANCTIONS, OR SOME VARIATION OF THE SWEDISH VOLUNTARY CALL TO DISCOURAGE FURTHER OUTSIDE INVESTMENT. MAYNES EXPLAINED THAT THE US IS CONDUCTING AN OVERALL REVIEW OF OUR SOUTHERN AFRICAN POLICY, EXAMINING ALL POSSIBILITIES. HE EMPHASIZED WE INTEND TO EXPRESS MORE FIRMLY OUR CLEAR OPPOSITION TO APARTHEID.

C. SWEDISH RESOLUTION AND INVESTMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA: IN DISCUSSING THE SWEDISH RESOLUTION, BERNER STATED THAT HE HAD HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE NETHERLANDS, THE UK AND FRANCE. THE BRITISH WERE MUCH MORE NEGATIVE THAN THE FRENCH AND DUTCH. BERNER STATED THAT THE FIGURES AVAILABLE TO SWEDEN INDICATED OVERALL FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA IS FALLING. SWEDISH POLICY IS TO OFFICIALLY DISCOURAGE NEW INVESTMENTS BUT NOT TO ADVOCATE DIS-INVESTMENT. THE SWEDISH RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AT THE UN IS PURPOSELY MODERATE IN ORDER TO GAIN THE SUPPORT OF THE MAJOR POWERS; IT DOES NOT ENVISAGE
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CHAPTER VII ACTION. THE SWEDES REALIZE THAT THE RESOLUTION WILL HAVE NO REAL ECONOMIC IMPACT, BUT IT IS DESIGNED TO HAVE A POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT. THE AFRICANS ARE WELL AWARE OF THIS; TANZANIA AND NIGERIA APPEAR WILLING TO SUPPORT THE THRUST OF THE SWEDISH RESOLUTION, BUT WOULD PREFER FIRMER LANGUAGE.

D. CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN UN FUNDING: MAYNES REFERRED TO CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN OVER UN FUNDING (RIBICOFF REPORT) AND STRESSED OUR DESIRE TO ELIMINATE DUPLICATION WITHIN THE UN SYSTEM. BERNER STATED THAT SWEDEN NEITHER HAD ANY PROBLEM WITH THE AMOUNT OF MONEY ("PEANUTS") IT CONTRIBUTED TO THE UN, NOR DID THE UN APPEAR AS A NEGATIVE FACTOR ON THE SWEDISH POLITICAL SCENE. HE NOTED THAT THE SWEDES EMPHASIZE THE NEED TO CUT OVERLAPPING PROGRAMS RATHER THAN REDUCE THE ACTUAL WORKING BUDGET.

E. HUMAN RIGHTS: MAYNES CITED RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN

THE HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD AND STRESSED THE GREAT INTEREST
THAT THE US HAS IN THIS AREA. HE SUGGESTED THAT US AND
SWEDISH REPS KEEP IN TOUCH ON THIS ISSUE, NOTING THAT
CHIEF OF USDEL TO HRC MIGHT BE IN STOCKHOLM AFTER
CURRENT SESSION ENDS IN MID-MARCH.
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